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(SBU) The protesters burned veils and scarves in a televised Sana'a rally, media report. The Yemen desk comments they were protesting the recently reported killings of women by security forces. The burning of scarves and veils is a traditional form of tribal protest, but this is the first time the practice has been utilized for political purposes. *(Ops/Yemen desk e-mail, AP)*